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I. Overall Progress

A. Results Obtained During the Reporting Period

1. GTO Observations

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The goals of the GTO effort are for investigations defined in previous years by the IDT to be carried out as HST observations and for the results to be communicated to the scientific community and to the public. The following is a listing of FOS GTO observations in the report period, as far as we can tell in the absence of daily OSS reports.

Date	SMS	Prop Cycl Orig#	PI	Title	Target
			(FOS	"PI": Angel,	Bohlin, bUrbidge, Davidsen, Ford, Harms, Margon)

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Scheduled, and known to have been completed												
10/16/94	94.289 5128	4	1045	D	Search for Primeval Galaxies (FOS 25)	U	DHM0054-284					
11/27/94	94.325 5682	4	1026	U	UV Spectra of Low-z QSOs (1), Aug		PG 0026+12					
12/12/94	94.346 5124	4	1036	F	Imaging & Spectr Seyfert Nuclei (FOS 14)	R,B	NGC4261					
1/5/95	95.002 5095	4	1028	U	Spectra <3000A for QSOs z~2.0 (3), Cy 4		PKS 1148-001					
1/26/95	95.023 5683	4	1030	U	Gravitationally Lensed QSOs, Aug	R	PKS 0957+561					
2/22/95	95.051 5744	4	1044	F	Stellar & Gas Dyn Normal Galax (24), Aug		M31 (NGC224)					
4/9/95	95.093 5095	4	1028	U	Spectra <3000A for QSOs z~2.0 (3), Cy 4		B21224+317					
1/22/95	95.016 5124	4	1036	F	Imaging & Spectr Seyfert Nuclei (FOS 14)	U	NGC4151					
1/16/95	95.016 5754	4	1036	F	Imaging & Spectr Seyfert Nuclei (FOS 14)	U	NGC1068					
5/4/95	95.121 5125	4	1040	F	Vel. Disper. in the Nuclei of Giant Ellipticals		M87=NGC4486					
1/24/95	95.023 5123	4	1038	F	Imag & Spectr Nucl Act. in Liners (15), Cy4	U	NGC5194					
3/16/95	95.072 5123	4	1038	F	Imag & Spectr Nucl Act. in Liners (15), Cy4	U	NGC4258					
Scheduled, but status unknown												
	95.002 5666		1054	M	Opt Counterparts Radio Pulsars (38) Aug Cy	3	Crab Pulsar					
	95.030 5128	4	1045	D	Search for Primeval Galaxies (FOS 25)							
Scheduled, but lost or failed due to various reasons (generally performed later)												
safed	94.332 5683	4	1030	U	Gravitationally Lensed QSOs, Aug	R	PKS 0957 [Overlight]					
TA fail?	94.297 5095	4	1028	U	Spectra <3000A for QSOs z~2.0 (3), Cy 4		PKS 0109+176					
bad cnfg	94.332 5089	4	1029	Α	Spectropolarimetry of QSOs, Blz, AGN, Aug	PKS 21	55-304					

This last observation basically failed to detect the host galaxy of the bright BL Lac Object PKS2155-304. We determined that using the occulting bar only diminished the AGN light by about a factor of 10. Resulting spectrum was still the featureless continuum of the BL Lac object. Cycle 5 observations were to include occulting bar

observations of two more BL Lacs. Given the results of this Cycle 4 observation, we feel that it is highly unlikely to detect extended emission from these BL Lacs using the occulting bar and FOS and we have changed our Cycle 5 program accordingly.

Corrections or additions to previous report: None.

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3. Presentations

Informing the public is also a part of our mission. FOS GTO team members gave public information lectures at all team locations. One Co-Investigator served as a panel member of the "Space Astronomy Update" forum and press conference every 1.5 months during this period. In the area of public information, we include the following:

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B. Scientific Significance of Selected GTO Results

Spectroscopic observations of the original double quasar PKS 0957+561 were designed to study the structure of the Ly α forest clouds on small scales. Ground-based observations of Ly α forest absorption lines in pairs of QSOs separated by arc minutes on the sky show that large numbers of the absorption lines are common to both sight lines. This remarkable result suggests that the Ly α forest absorbers are thin sheets hundreds of kiloparsecs in extent. How such clouds can show constant velocities over such large spatial scales is unknown. Our observations of the gravitationally lensed pair of QSOs PKS 1095+561 A&B each show about 30 Ly α absorption lines, all in common to both spectra. The high signal-to-noise of our observations will allow us to study column density and velocity differences between portions of these clouds separated by only a few kilo-parsecs.

FOS spectropolarimetry provided the first detailed investigation of the peculiar Seyfert 1 nucleus of MRK 231 in the ultraviolet. These observations provide the first usable UV spectrum of this AGN (IUE spectra have very low S/N). The spectrum portrays a heavily extinguished emission-line spectrum of the active nucleus plus the emergence of a blue continuum shortward of 2400 A. In addition, absorption features due to He I, Mg I, Mg II, and (surprisingly) Fe II are identified with a well-known optical absorption system blueshifted by 4600 km/s with respect to the emission lines. The blue continuum is attributed to 100,000 hot, young stars surrounding the nucleus. This component dilutes the polarized nuclear light, implying that the intrinsic polarization of the AGN approaches 20% at 2800 A. The rapid decline in the polarization toward longer wavelengths is best explained by the strongly frequency-dependent scattering cross section of dust grains coupled with modest starlight dilution. The displaced absorption features, UV polarimetry, and optical/IR properties of MRK 231 all point to its classification as a low-ionization ("Mg II") broad absorption line quasar, in which most, if not all, lines of sight to the AGN are heavily obscured by dust and low-ionization gas clouds. MRK 231, therefore, gives us an opportunity to study the astrophysics of a relatively nearby object that is closely related to the high-redshift broad absorption line quasars.

K648 is one of the few Planetary Nebulae (PN) known in the galactic halo. Since K648 belongs to the globular cluster M15, its distance is known better than is usually possible for PN, and the evolution is especially informative. A far-UV spectrum of the central star was obtained with the FOS. This spectrum represents a substantial improvement over the previously existing IUE observations, because of the better S/N and resolution, and because previous flux measurements, through the large IUE aperture, were contaminated by several field objects. After the nebular continuum was subtracted and the extinction removed, the FOS spectrum of the central star was compared with model atmospheres by Kurucz (1993) and by Wesemael (1981, models for high gravity stars). The comparison indicates Teff values lower than most authors found by different methods (see Bianchi et al. 1994, 1995 in

preparation). The discrepancy points to a possible problem in the reacquisition during two of the FOS exposures (H130 and H190), that we are investigating, or possibly residual contamination by weak field objects. To complete an evolutionary model of the object, we tried to determine the expansion velocity. High-resolution long-slit spectra were obtained with the Utrecht Echelle Spectrograph (UES) on the 4.2 m William Herschel Telescope at the Observatorio del Roque de los Muchachos (La Palma). The instrumental FWHM was 6.9 +/- 0.3 km/s. The seeing was better than 1". In order to calculate the expansion velocity, we took into account that the measured FWHM of the line profile is due to the convolution of thermal, instrumental, turbulent and expansion components. After deconvolution, we find expansion velocities: $2V(exp)[N II] = 22.6 \text{ km/s} 2V(exp)[H_a] = 33.7 \text{ km/s}$. The long slit spectra confirm an extension of the nebular shell of about 5.3 arcsec diameter, as seen in the FOC and WFPC-1 images (Bianchi et al. 1995a). The FOS and ground-based data combined yield an expansion age of 7400-11400 yrs, much shorter than the evolutionary age derived from the stellar parameters only (Bianchi et al.1995a,b).

II. Current Problems

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The FOS continues to perform extremely well, and the addition of COSTAR during the First Servicing Mission has returned FOS capabilities to near design specifications, but some planned and approved FOS GTO observations have not yet been scheduled. FOS GTO scheduling was performed at a higher rate during the period of this report than during the previous 6-month period, but it is still not clear that all GTO observations will be scheduled so as to permit analysis by the end of the GTO support period.

III. Plans for the Next Year of Support

The FOS GTO team plans for the next year include a long list of observing programs, of which most were to have been performed by the end of cycle 4. In addition, the team will perform analyses of the observations listed in the first section and complete work on previously obtained data. The HST is now performing up to its originnal design specifications, which is a testimonial to all those who have worked hard on this project and its maintenance and repair.